

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 687
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend David Wilson on the occasion of his retirement from the position of City Manager for Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 19 years as the City Manager of Goodlettsville, Tennessee; he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a 1956 graduate of Goodlettsville High School, Mr. Wilson furthered his education by earning his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; during his time at Middle Tennessee State University, he worked part time at Third National Bank and sold shoes at Sears in order to pay for his education; after finishing his studies he served six months in the U.S. Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, utilizing his skills and talents in a variety of capacities during his career, Mr. Wilson has been employed as a Claims Representative for State Farm Insurance, as a Purchasing Manager for Nueuhoff Packing Company, as a Sales Representative for Roger Smith Insurance Agency, and currently as the City Manager of Goodlettsville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he has proudly served the City of Goodlettsville in a myriad of capacities, including being appointed to the Goodlettsville Planning and Zoning Board by Mayor H.S. Moss in 1973; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to serve four consecutive terms, 1974-1984, on the Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners, during which time he was selected by his colleagues to serve a two-year term as Vice Mayor on November 6, 1978 and then to serve a four-year term

as Mayor on September 23, 1980; he was reelected Mayor on October 2, 1984 and the Board of Commissioners appointed him City Manager on May 6, 1985; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his alacritous tenure with the City of Goodlettsville, Mr. Wilson has held many important positions within his community, including service as President of the Goodlettsville Civitan Club, First Vice President of the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce; the Middle Tennessee Chairman for the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service Board of Directors; participation in Leadership Nashville; membership on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Municipal League and on the Board of Trustees for Skyline Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Wilson has received numerous honors, including being named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee City Management Association; and

WHEREAS, when he concludes his meritorious tenure at the end of January, Mr. Wilson will have completed a term which has been marked by remarkable growth; when he first became involved in Goodlettsville government, the city's population was approximately 6,000, and it now stands at nearly 15,000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson has provided invaluable leadership in ensuring that Goodlettsville maintains its wonderful, small town atmosphere, and community spirit, while enjoying the commercial benefits that have been brought by Rivergate Mall; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers in local government and his constituents alike for his dedication to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he maintains the highest family and community values, and he especially looks forward to the increased amount of time he will now be able to spend with his wife of 42 years, the former Victoria "Vicki" Light; his daughters and his sons-in-law, Tracy and David Brooks and Cari and Glenn Garrett; and his grandchildren, Anna and Callee Brooks and Gracyn, Carson, and Will Garrett; and

WHEREAS, David Wilson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; his dedication to progress, foresight, and great energy have had a profound positive impact upon the lives of the people of Goodlettsville, and he is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Mr. David Wilson on his honorable and astute service to the good people of Goodlettsville as City Manager, Mayor, and Commissioner, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and wish him much success and happiness during his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy